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**Amendment D**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed 09/26/2002, please amend the above application as follows:

**Specification:**

Page 3, paragraph 13, delete "The globular shape...protecting dates."

Page 3, paragraph 13, delete "The main function...moisture to dissipate." and substitute—The main function of the invention is the opposite of what is required of a date-bunch cover. Thermally insulating fruit involves protecting it from contact with cold air that injures its cells—.

**Claims:**

Add new Claim 7, as follows:

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7. A cover for protecting Deglet Noor dates from birds, rain, insects, wind, and sunburn while on the palm, which comprises: